

Date: January 12, 2015
To: Child and Adult Food Care Authorized Representatives
From: Community Nutrition Team
Subject: New Science-Based Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released [a proposed rule](#) today with new science-based nutrition standards for meals provided through USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). With over 3 million children receiving meals from the CACFP each day, the proposed meal patterns will help ensure children have access to healthy, balanced meals throughout the day. The rule will also provide older adults and adults in nonresidential daycare settings greater access to nutritious foods.

Those interested in reviewing the proposal and offering comments during the 90 day period are encouraged to do so once it is published at www.regulations.gov, a Web-based portal to make it easy for citizens to participate in the federal rulemaking process. All comments received will be considered carefully in finalizing the rule before it is implemented.

For more information about the proposed changes, please visit: www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/federal-register-documents.